

REMARKS

In accordance with this supplemental response, independent claims 1, 2, 3 and 12 have been amended to recite that the selecting means selects one graph "by specifying a display area of an axis corresponding to the selected graph by a pointing device" and dependent claims 13-20 have been amended to conform to their respective base claims. Dependent claims 21-24 have been added to provide a fuller scope of coverage.

The specification has been amended on page 8 to provide a more complete definition of "display area of the axis" as used in the specification and claims. As applicant has provided a precise definition of "display area of the axis", this definition is controlling and must be used when interpreting the claims and when applying prior art against the claims.

As described in the previously filed response, the Admitted Prior Art" (APA) utilizes scroll bars S or scaling bars P, neither of which constitutes a "display area of an axis" corresponding to a selected graph, as recited in the claims. The APA contains no teaching or suggestion that would have led one skilled in the art to select one graph out of a plurality of graphs displayed on a screen by specifying a display area of an axis corresponding to the selected graph by

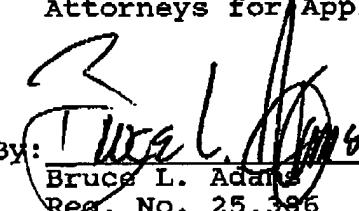
a pointing device, as required by the claims. The scroll bars S and scaling bars P in the APA do not correspond to the claimed "display area of an axis corresponding to the selected graph" as recited in the claims.

For the reasons stated in the previously filed response and this supplemental response, the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration together with allowance of claims 1-24 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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